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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, NL

SUBJ: MOD VREDELING'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER

REF: THE HAGUE 980

1. FONOFF DIRECTOR FOR NATO AFFAIRS VAN EEKELEN HAS JUST TELEPHONED US ON BEHALF OF MINISTER OF DEFENSE VREDELING TO SAY THAT VREDELING WISHES TOMEET WITH YOU ON MONDAY, MARCH 10. VAN EEKELEN EXPLAINED THAT SINCE DEADLINE FOR FINAL US REPLIES TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY CONSORTIUM HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 10 SEE PARA 4 IT WAS CONSIDEERED ADVISABLE FOR VREDELING NOT RPT NOT TO BE IN WASHINGTON BEFORE THAT DATE.

2. VAN EEKELEN, WHO WAS MEMBER OF THE DUTCH TEAM WHICH VISITED WASHINGTON LAST WEEK TO GET OUR PRE-LIMINARY ANSWERS TO CONSORTIUM'S QUESTIONS, ADDED THAT VREDELING'S BILATERAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON MIGHT RAISE A QUESTION WITH THE NETHERLAND'S CONSORTIUM PARTNERS BUT THIS WAS A DUTCH PROBLEM WHICH VAN EEKELEN BELIEVED THEY COULD COPE WITH.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE BY CABLE OR TELEPHONE THAT MARCH 10 DATE IS ACCEPTABLE.

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4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AT THIS TIME RECOMMENDATION HAS

GONE TO CONSORTIUM MEMBERS TO POSTPONE MEETING
OF CONSORTIUM MODS UNTIL MARCH 18, THUS ALLOWING FRENCH
ADEQUATE TIME TO SUPPLY THEIR WRITTEN RESPONSE. NEW
PROPOSED DATES FOR ALL RESPONSE IS MARCH 10, AS
INDICATED BY VAN EEKELEN.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED DOD FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER.

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